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**The Need to Address Lewiston High School**

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/12/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:03

Description: KLEW News reported that the prospect of building a new Lewiston High School draws a big crowd to last night's Lewiston School Board meeting. Members of the Lewiston High School Citizens Committee made the presentation to the board after months of research about the project. They say restoring the old high school would cost more than just building a new one. It's been 50 years since new school district buildings for education have been built in Lewiston. The funding for the new school would come from a bond levy of 52 million dollars and some stimulus dollars to help reduce the cost of the project to taxpayers.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/16/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:51

Description: KLEW News reported that tomorrow night the Lewiston High School Citizens Committee will hold a town hall meeting to explain why there is a need for a new Lewiston High School. Co-Chair of the Citizens Committee Brad Cannon says the structure was built in 1928 and there are technological issues that come into play, where the kids don't have the technology in that facility. Cannon says so far they've had a positive response about starting construction for a new high school, but the big concern is paying for it. Cannon says the target is to have a vote on the 52 million dollar bond in October. He says they're trying to get the bond passed before December to take advantage of the tax credit.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/18/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:47

Description: KLEW News reported that it was a packed house at the town hall meeting at Lewis Clark State College discussing the prospect of building a new high school in Lewiston. Lewiston High School Citizens Committee cochairmen Brad Cannon and Jeff Nessel, gave their presentation about why they think Lewiston High School students need a new facility. Their plan is to build a new school in the Lewiston Orchards, most of which would be funded through a \$52 million dollar bond. Citizens had questions about remodeling the old school versus building a new school. Increased taxes and traffic also were questions answered by the project's architect and a bond finance advisor, who say building the new school would cost less and take less time to complete than renovations to the current school.

**Program: KLEW-TV News**

**Date/Time: 2/19/10, 6:00 p.m.**

**Duration: 1:50**

**Description:** KLEW News reported that community leaders, along with Congressman Walt Minnick attended today's Lewiston Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address. In Mayor Kevin Poole's speech he looked back at the 150 year history that's made Lewiston what it is today. He says the best way to beat the recessions is keeping jobs and people right here in the valley while making our city more attractive for others to move to. Poole encouraged those in attendance to support bonds that would build a new high school and library for the city. Noting why would a business want to locate their employees and family to a community that has an 80 year old high school and a library next to a bar?

**Program: Northwest Morning**

**Date/Time: 3/4/10, 8:25 a.m.**

**Duration: 4:30**

**Description:** Northwest Morning host Keith Havens interviewed Jeff Nessel and Brad Cannon, Lewiston High School Citizens Committee co-chairmen, why now is the time to remodel or construct a new high school. The three good reasons to do it now are federal stimulus dollars are available, interest rates are at historical low levels and with the current economy, competition for contractors and builders would be high with good prices. Also discussed was what the \$52 million bond issue would mean to the property owner. The average home value in Lewiston is \$150,000 which would mean it would cost \$8.81 per month or \$106 per year for the average homeowner. Remodeling would take four years and the cost would escalate also displacing students for a long period of time.

### **The Need to Address City/Government Relations**

**Program: KLEW-TV News**

**Date/Time: 1/12/10, 6:00 p.m.**

**Duration: 1:52**

**Description:** KLEW News reported that city politics heat up as Lewiston's new councilors come under fire during public comment at last night's meeting. Most of the public comments were about the executive session at the end of last week's meeting. Councilor John Currin says he thought the matter was handled badly and even considered resigning after last week's meeting. Stacie Badertscher, Lewiston City Council Executive Assistant, said the council's actions did not convey the integrity, openness or casting away of the self-interest that she believed was intended to establish.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/12/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:12

Description: KLEW News reported that the Clarkston City Council says in the New Year they hope all local governments will be able to work together better. While mutual aid deals have yet to be reached with Asotin County and Nez Perce County, Clarkston signed mutual aid agreements with Garfield County and Clearwater paper. Terry Beadles, council member, says the other entities in the valley are more than willing to strike up agreements; why is it that the fire services of the people in question feel like they are so arrogant that they can call all the shots and not work with us.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/15/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:49

Description: KLEW News reported that after a four year break from city politics, Lewiston's new Mayor Kevin Poole says he's glad to be back. Poole was elected mayor by the council on January 4<sup>th</sup>. He says the council is more like a board of directors with a CEO, versus a strong mayor and council. One of his main goals as mayor will be to mend relationships with other public entities, which he says were strained by the previous council. What we need to do is build some trust and respect with our governmental neighbors. Let them know that we are all part of this community. Whether it's Lewiston, Clarkston or Asotin we're all in the same valley and we need to conduct our government and business accordingly.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/22/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:34

Description: KLEW News reported all expenses charged by the Lewiston City Manager are found legitimate. Allegations that City Manager Jay Krauss has misused city funds have been found false by the city council. Mayor Kevin Poole tells Action News the council met last night in an executive session where they reviewed every expense Krauss has charged since he was hired. Poole says there had been suspicion that city funds for travel expenses, such as car use and meals, had been abused. Poole says after reviewing the information everything was found in order and says Krauss has a clean slate.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/9/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:25

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston's city manager Jay Krauss was fired at last night's City Council meeting. In the opening public comments, several members of the audience spoke on City Manager Jay Krauss's behalf. After swearing in new council member Tim Broemeling, the council went into executive session. Upon their return, City Attorney Don Roberts spoke. Roberts discussed the terms of the separation agreement, which includes language concerning Krauss's accomplishments. The separation was not for legal, ethical or moral reasons but simply because of what is referred to as the dynamics of the relationship between Krauss and the city council. The agreement also includes a provision that both sides will offer complimentary references concerning each other and that Krauss will waive his right to any cause of action against the city.

### **The Need to Address Downtown Revitalization**

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/13/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:56

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston's Towne Square is undergoing some major renovations. The project's architect hopes it's just the beginning of a more beautiful downtown. This is just one of several projects going in the building on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. Lynch says they are looking into converting the top floor into apartments as well as a wine bar downstairs. Once a new restaurant moves in they hope it will draw more businesses into the nearly empty retail space in the building. As a member of the Beautiful Downtown Lewiston Committee, Lynch hopes this project will be a model for other historic buildings on Main Street.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/22/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:23

Description: KLEW News reported that the West Lewiston Enhancement project is going well. Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Moss says there is a new "Welcome to Lewiston" sign and fountain in place with crews busy working on a path project. The pathway will run from the dike bypass at the north portion of Snake River Avenue and then the path will run south from there to the parking lot in Kiwanis Park. Avista Utilities is providing the power and the poles for lighting. The path was designed to better connect Main Street to the Levy Path system.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/22/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:04

Description: KLEW News reported on the progress of the demolition at Twin City Foods in downtown Lewiston. The Twin City Foods facility has been empty for three years and now the buildings are being demolished and the property's up for sale. The structure has been at 101 B Street since 1947. For 60 years it was the workplace for thousands of area residents and a part of American history. Mike Weiss, former plant manager says the reality is that whatever future use becomes of the site, the buildings would not be of use.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/8/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:02

Description: KLEW News reported that Nez Perce County Commissioners held their weekly meeting today. Among items on the agenda that will have an impact on pedestrian traffic was the approval to grant the City of Lewiston an easement for construction and maintenance of an underpass under Snake River Avenue. Parks and Recreation director Lynn Moss tells us it's all part of the \$825,000 Snake River Avenue Enhancement Project. The underpass will actually be a large culvert underneath the street that will allow pedestrians to safely connect to the levee path system. Moss says now that the county has given them the nod, they will submit final designs to Idaho Transportation Department and the underpass part of the project will go out to bid.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/18/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:04

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston City Planner Joel Plaskon says there is little opposition about moving forward with the project to make the Lewiston Waterfront more community friendly. The Lewiston Planning and Zoning Commission approved the project last night. Plaskon says most of the development along the river was designed for industrial usage, but now people are asking for more variety in riverfront property. Community residents want more shopping or dining opportunities along the river or more public services.

## **The Need to Address Hunger**

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/13/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:18

Description: KLEW News reported that today at the Clarkston Quality Inn, Community Action Partnership, The University of Idaho and the Department of Health and Welfare staged a poverty simulation. The role-playing exercise assigns people to a family group struggling to get their basic needs met and give them scenarios to act out. Community Engagement Coordinator Karen Kessler says the script is based on real stories. Fifteen minutes represented one week. In that week families would deal with housing, childcare, job loss and apply for food stamps. Kessler says this is the third poverty simulation put on in our area and has received positive feedback from participants.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/12/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:26

Description: KLEW News reported that the Dump Hunger Campaign put together by Western States Equipment was a big success. The Lewiston branch of the company was among those participating in the food drive to benefit the Idaho Food Bank. Here in Lewiston, over 43,000 pounds was donated. This year Western States found a key partner in Albertsons, which helped raise awareness of the Dump Hunger campaign. Dump Hunger is a six-week post-holiday food drive that partners 13 Western State's branch locations with local food banks within their community. The post-holiday timing of Dump Hunger is critical for food banks as January and February historically mark the lowest levels of food donations.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/3/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:33

Description: KLEW News reported that "No one in Idaho should go hungry" is the motto of the Idaho Food bank. Director Chuck Whitman says hunger is a growing problem with more people using food banks and shelters. There have been 142 thousand increases in people in Idaho who rely on the food banking network. The data was released today as part of a nationwide study by the group Feeding America. 500 surveys were done within our state and this gives us a good database for not only grant writing but to educate our communities, our government and everything. Whitman says he's seen over a 30 percent increase in food demand in the last year alone.



Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/15/10, 7:25 a.m.

Duration: 4:30

Description: Northwest Morning Show host Keith Havens interviewed guests Monte Garrison and Bode Domingus for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Bank Country Music Show. The event happens on Thursday 2/18, at New Bridges Community Church. The money raised will support the local food bank.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/18/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:20

Description: KLEW News reported that the new Clarkston Community Garden will be more than just a garden, but also a place to socialize. The City of Clarkston is allowing the garden to use a piece of land at the end of 13<sup>th</sup> Street near the waste water treatment plant. The garden will feature several plots with food being donated to the Asotin County food bank. But before they can get everything up and running, they need volunteers.

## **The Need to Address Lewiston Airport Operations**

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/11/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:48

Description: KLEW News reported that one of the first steps for management of the Lewiston Nez Perce County Regional Airport being turned over to an airport authority is approved at the Nez Perce County Commission meeting. Commissioners authorized Chairman Doug Zenner to write a letter to accept the bid from an accounting firm from Boise to audit the airport. Zenner says the audit is the starting point and needs to take place before the city and county turn the primary management of the airport over to the airport authority. The authority would be made up of five citizens, four selected by the city and county and a fifth selected by the other four. The audit will take place next month.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/17/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:22

Description: KLEW News reported that an air medical provider serving the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West announces they will be establishing a new base here in Lewiston. Life Flight Network says a critical care trained flight crew and their new high performance aircraft are expected to begin offering service to the region no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. Life Flight Network will be based at the Lewiston Airport.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/17/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:46

Description: KLEW News reported that at today's airport meeting commissioners heard about the status of several projects happening at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport, including developing the south side of the property. Airport Manager Robin Turner says SEQ must approve a work plan for lead testing and all of their criteria must be met before bidding on the property can happen. Along with the land development through an FAA grant, the airport will be getting a portable passenger loading bridge to replace old air stairs and will also be taking part in the wildlife hazard management program.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/22/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:07

Description: KLEW News reported that two members were appointed to the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority Board at today's Nez Perce County Commissioners meeting. Skip Heard and Richard Finley were selected by commissioners from the nine candidate pool to serve as county representatives in the joint authority. They will be in charge of overseeing the airport, along with two city representatives and one other elected individual. The length of terms which Heard and Finley will serve was tabled for today, after a disagreement about the terms set in the Joint-Authority agreement. The city will be conducting interviews within the next few weeks. The goal is to have all candidates in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/3/10, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:35

Description: KLEW News reported that a new restaurant proposal for the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport with the hope of bringing new life to a now vacant space. Eddie Edwards is currently owner of the Eagle's Nest at the Bryden Canyon Golf Course. He says business at the restaurant is good and thinks his proposal for another one in the empty space at the airport would do just as well. Edwards says golf carts could be used to get people from the course to the eatery. The airport has seen numerous restaurants come and go. Because of that, Edwards says his plan would be to start small and build on success. The project has been in the works for about six months. Edwards says he'll take the next step when the contract is approved by the city.